

and Comptroller). Major Reilly is transitioning from his present assignment to continue his service to our nation and America's Army.

A native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Major Reilly was commissioned from West Virginia University's ROTC Program as an Adjutant General Officer. He completed his undergraduate studies at Waynesburg University earning a Bachelor of Arts degree. Major Reilly also has a Master's degree in Legislative Affairs from George Washington University.

Major Reilly has served in a broad range of assignments during his Army career. He served as the Battalion Personnel Officer (S-1) for the 3rd Battalion 27th Field Artillery Regiment (HIMARS), 18th Fires Brigade (Airborne), Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He then transitioned to the Brigade Personnel Strength Manager for the 18th Fires Brigade (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Upon completion of this assignment, he attended and completed the Adjutant General Captains Career Course at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. After completion of this course and completion of Airborne School, Major Reilly was assigned as Battalion Personnel Officer for the 1st Battalion 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Following this assignment, Major Reilly became the Personnel Strength Manager for the 82nd Airborne Division. Upon completion of this job, Major Reilly was selected to serve as a Basic Officer Leader Course Instructor for the Adjutant General Corps located at the United States Soldier Support Institute at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Major Reilly was then selected for the Army's Office of the Congressional Legislative Liaison's Fellowship Program.

In 2018, as an Army Congressional Fellow, I had the privilege of working with Major Reilly in my office for a year and my office, and I have worked closely with him during his subsequent assignment as a Congressional Budget Liaison for the U.S. Army.

Major Reilly worked tirelessly with Members of Congress and their staffs to accurately articulate the Army's budget positions to the Appropriations Committees. His professionalism, diligence, and commitment to the mission are unmatched, and his work both as a fellow and as a liaison enabled him to successfully represent the U.S. Army and the Department of Defense to the United States Congress.

The foundation of Ryan's military success is his family. Raised in Pittsburgh by Jim and Karen Reilly as one of two children, particular values were established early as paramount: service, sacrifice, hard work, and compassion. He is a devoted husband to his wife, Sara, and a committed father to his son, Jackson, and daughter, Amelia. Sara, Jackson, and Amelia provide the foundation for Ryan's service. Their attitude of service and care for others permeates every organization and activity they participate in; true examples of servant leaders in the Army and the communities they engage.

Throughout his career, Major Reilly has positively impacted soldiers, peers, and superiors. Our country has benefited tremendously from his extraordinary leadership, judgment, and passion. Today, I applaud Major Reilly for a job well done, and I know that my House colleagues join me in wishing Ryan and his family the very best in their future Army assignments and beyond.

Madam Speaker, it has been a genuine pleasure to have worked with Major Ryan Reilly over the last three years. On behalf of a grateful nation, I join my colleagues today in recognizing and commending Ryan for his service to our country, and we wish him all the best as he continues his service in the United States Army.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 20, 2020*

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on Nov. 16, 2020. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 219 and YEA on Roll Call No. 220.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF LAUREN GAYDOS

### HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 20, 2020*

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to give my sincere thanks to Lauren Gaydos, who recently ended her four-year tenure with my office. While it is a loss for our staff, I am grateful for her time serving the constituents of my district and wish her all the best in her next chapter.

Lauren began her Washington, D.C. career as an intern in the House of Representatives and was quickly promoted to a full-time staff position during her senior year of college at the Catholic University of America. Being a dedicated public servant, she continued her Capitol Hill career by working for the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee. In 2016, she began working in my office as the communications director. Lauren has been devoted to the Second District of Kentucky since her first day, and, her commitment to serving Kentuckians will be missed.

#### REAFFIRMING VITAL ROLE OF UNITED STATES-JAPAN ALLIANCE

SPEECH OF

### HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 18, 2020*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, as a member of the U.S.-Japan Congressional Caucus and a cosponsor of this resolution, I rise in strong support of H. Res. 349, "Reaffirming the vital role of the United States-Japan alliance in promoting peace, stability, and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region and beyond."

First and foremost, I wish to thank my colleague, co-chair of the U.S.-Japan Congressional Caucus, and fellow Texan, Congressman CASTRO, for his leadership on this important, bipartisan piece of legislation.

For over 70 years, the partnership between the United States and Japan has played a

vital role in ensuring peace and prosperity in Asia and beyond.

At the core of this crucial relationship is a deep and shared commitment to freedom, democracy and the rule of law.

Over the years, this partnership has benefited not only our two countries but also the rest of the world.

From promoting human rights and democracy to combating the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction to improving global health to countering human trafficking as well as assisting the victims of conflict and disaster worldwide, the U.S.-Japan alliance has resulted in so much good for millions of people globally.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to be a leader on this resolution and to voice not only the importance of this invaluable friendship but also draw attention to the significance of this partnership in addressing many of the world's challenges.

Furthermore, the U.S.-Japan alliance is a cornerstone of Indo-Pacific stability, and we must continue to prioritize this partnership to further our shared goals of peace and prosperity in the region.

In the past decade, U.S.-Japan defense cooperation has improved and evolved in response to security challenges, such as the North Korean missile threat and the confrontation between Japan and China over disputed islands.

I commend the Japanese leadership for deepening defense cooperation with the United States for the past two decades as part of their efforts to ensure a fair balance of power in the Indo-Pacific.

Mr. Speaker, it is imperative that the U.S. and Japan continue to collaborate and pursue our shared, positive vision for Asia that offers a better path than authoritarianism, predatory economics and geopolitical competition.

Japan's importance as a democratic and economic partner cannot be understated nor should it be ignored.

With uncertainty arising around the world, this alliance is more important than ever before, and I look forward to building on our decades-long partnership by further strengthening our ties and ensuring the safety and prosperity of both nations.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DOWNTOWN INDY, INC. FOUNDER TAMARA ZAHN

### HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 20, 2020*

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Tamara Zahn, the founder of Indianapolis Downtown Inc. now known as Downtown Indy, Inc., an organization tasked with developing, managing and marketing downtown Indianapolis. Known as Indy's "greatest cheerleader," her loss will be felt far and wide across the city where she worked as a real estate analyst and consultant before establishing Indianapolis Downtown Inc. Her vision and enthusiasm and well-known contagious pride in the city led to national recognition for outstanding urban revitalization, development and beautification. She was an advocate for the city she loved and a valued mentor to many.

Tamara was born on June 22, 1953, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, to Phyllis and Bob Zahn. She earned her BA from Indiana University and launched her career in real estate in Indianapolis. She consulted on large scale projects and played key roles with the Simon Property Group as it developed the Mall of America in Minneapolis and Circle Centre Mall in Indianapolis. In 1993, she became the first president of Indianapolis Downtown, Inc. (IDI), where she served until 2012. During her years at IDI, Tamara parlayed her real estate experience and marketing insights to help Indianapolis expand its ability to host major conventions, events such as Several NCAA Final Four and the NFL's 2012 Super Bowl. She launched the Cultural District program, the Marge Tarplee Downtown Beautification Fund, and chaired the Indianapolis Cultural Trail. She facilitated the United Way's Executive Women's Leadership class in 2012, and in 2013, she was elected chair of the International Downtown Association (IDA). IDA provides tools, intelligence and strategies for creating healthy and dynamic centers that anchor the well-being of towns, cities and regions of the world.

Tamara received multiple awards throughout her time leading in the State of Indiana including IBJ Inaugural Class of 40 Under 40 (1993); Olympic torch bearer (1996); IBJ's Inaugural class of Most Influential Women (1997); IUPUI Notable Woman (2000); NUVO Cultural Vision (2012); Downtown Champion (2014) and in 2004 she was awarded the State of Indiana's highest civilian award, The Sagamore of the Wabash.

Tamara was known for her infectious laugh, upbeat attitude, strong vision and love for people. She was a mentor, a leader and an advocate for the growth of Indianapolis, and for women and equality. I admired Tamara and was blessed to count her among my friends.

Tamara Zahn passed away unexpectedly on October 1, 2020. I join her beloved husband of 28 years, Tim Wade, her son, Tim Wade, Jr., and brother, Tom Zahn as well as countless Hoosiers in mourning the loss of a great leader and friend. The City of Indianapolis as well as the State of Indiana will miss her remarkable talents and loving personality but her legacy will live on as the city continues to flourish on the path she created.

MALCOLM NELSON

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 20, 2020*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Malcolm Nelson for his work as the Ombudsman for the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program and to congratulate him on his retirement.

Since his appointment in 2006, Nelson has dedicated his career to helping former nuclear weapons workers navigate a complex claims process. During his time as Ombudsman, Nelson served with compassion and an unparalleled understanding of the law. He consistently served as a resource to claimants about the adjudication process and listened to their concerns in order to make recommendations to improve the program.

Accessibility was an important part of Nelson's role as the Ombudsman. He often trav-

eled to claimants, attended outreach town halls, and even held his own town halls in more remote areas like Canyon City, Colorado to make sure all claimants were being reached. Former Rocky Flats workers in my district were well served by Nelson. He was even nominated for the Service to America Medals by the Alliance of Nuclear Worker Advocacy Groups in 2018.

During his over 40-year tenure in government, Nelson also served as general counsel and as acting administrative appeals judge for DOL's Benefits Review Board, where he assisted with the appeals process under the Black Lung Benefits Act and the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act.

While I will miss Malcolm Nelson as he leaves this important post, I wish him luck in his retirement and I thank him for his many years of service to our nuclear weapons workers across this country.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. HAROLD ROGERS**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 20, 2020*

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on Nov. 19, 2020. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 223 and NAY on Roll Call No. 224.

HONORING CAMERON GRABER AS  
IOWAN OF THE WEEK

**HON. CYNTHIA AXNE**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 20, 2020*

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing a dedicated and community-minded young man from Treynor as this week's Iowan of the Week. Cameron Graber, a current student at the University of Iowa, was recently honored with the 2020 Spirit of the Relay Award from the American Cancer Society for the Iowa/Nebraska Area.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and an important time to remember the work we still have ahead of us to defeat this disease. According to the ACS, one in eight women will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer in their lifetime. The Spirit of the Relay Award recognizes people who have gone above and beyond to help the American Cancer Society in its mission to save lives, celebrate lives, and lead the fight for a world without cancer. ACS has worked tirelessly to conduct research, educate, and provide support for all who have been, or may be touched by cancer. Since he was four years old, Cameron has volunteered with the American Cancer Society. His mother, Amy, inspired him and took him to his first Relay for Life at that young age. She's been an encouraging force for Cameron to continue volunteering within his community ever since. That first event set Cameron on a path to make a difference through volunteering with the American Cancer Society. As a young man, he has worked as a Team Captain and helped oversee and

coordinate many aspects of publicity and marketing for Relay for Life and other fundraisers that bring in critical donations at ACS. Cameron has also carried his dedication to the cause with him while attending the University of Iowa. He is currently the Co-Chair of the National Campus Leadership Team that helps coordinate strategy and direction to the collegiate and high school fundraising programs across the country. He's a leader in the fight for millions of people in Iowa and across the globe who will be diagnosed.

Cameron's dedication to volunteering and supporting the ACS is another example of the hard work, selflessness, and fortitude of Iowans. Growing up in a small, rural community like Treynor helped to shape Cameron's work ethic and his continued dedication to the American Cancer Society's cause has instilled in him the importance of helping others. It will be exciting to see how this young man continues to grow through his college education and beyond.

I am proud to recognize Cameron for his devotion to supporting his community and causes that make a meaningful, local impact. I am even prouder knowing there are so many young people across southwest Iowa who are investing in their communities with this same passion and spirit. It is my honor to share Cameron Graber's story and recognize him as our Iowan of the Week.

RECOGNIZING URBAN PARTNERS  
LOS ANGELES

**HON. JIMMY GOMEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 20, 2020*

Mr. GOMEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Urban Partners Los Angeles (UPLA), a nonprofit in the Koreatown/Westlake neighborhoods dedicated to providing food and educational resources to underserved and underprivileged communities in the city.

Since the organization's founding in 1995, Urban Partners' free programs and services—everything from educational courses and tutoring to food distributions and assistance—have filled critical gaps and addressed the needs of Angelinos throughout Los Angeles. UPLA has since become a critical lifeline to the community.

This could not ring truer than during the COVID-19 pandemic, where UPLA's staff and volunteers were on the frontlines, distributing over 9,000 bags of groceries to more than 4,500 families during the onset of the crisis. Even now, volunteers tirelessly work to distribute over 50,000 pounds of food to 1,000 families, ensuring no one leaves empty handed.

It is also because of those at the helm of UPLA, like Executive Director and Board President Rochelle McAdam and volunteer Executive Director and Board Member Trinity Tran, and their dedication of heart and hand to the community that food-insecure individuals and families in Los Angeles are not left behind and do not go hungry.

We are truly grateful to UPLA's board members, staff, and volunteers for their fierce advocacy of those the organization serves, their empowering work of community building, and the love of community they continue to show week after week.